

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed April 3, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants gratefully acknowledged the courtesy and consideration extended to the undersigned in the telephone interview with Examiner Evans conducted on August 8, 2008. During the interview, Examiner Evans agreed that if claims 13-51, introduced in the After Final Response filed July 3, 2008, were to be canceled, and the inconsistency issue of claim 5 raised in the Final Office Action mailed April 3, 2008 were to be corrected, the pending claims would be deemed allowable. Accordingly, Applicants have, by way of the instant After Final Response, removed claims 13-51 and canceled claim 5, without prejudice.

Subject Matter Indicated Allowed or Allowable

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claim 12. Applicants are further grateful for the indication of allowability of claims 4, 8, 9 and 11, subject to their rewriting in independent form. Claims 4, 8, 9 and 11 have been so rewritten and are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Amendments

The claims have been amended to remove reference numerals therein.

Canceled Claims

Claims 1 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in better condition for allowance, or at the least, narrow any issues for an appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Applicants do not believe any additional claim fees are due with this response because excess claim fees were paid in the previous unentered After Final response and no refund has been obtained. Rather, Applicants believe because Applicants paid excess claim fees in the previous unentered response filed on July 3, 2008, a partial refund is due. A refund in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 30 claims in excess of 20 is hereby respectfully requested. If Applicants are mistaken and claims fees are in fact due, Applicants hereby authorize charging of such claim fees to our **deposit account no. 50-1698**.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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